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obviously out of the question. Such drains, if excavated to the width required to dispose of maximum floods, would have to be of enormous width and would, during years of ordinary flood conditions, silt up extensively.

Proposed channel from Pedalanka canal.

*1251 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to dig an irrigation channel from Pedalanka channel above the Bomminampadu regulator on the left side for the irrigation of the dry block of villages situated thereabout in Kaikalur taluk, Kistna district;

(b) whether ryots of Bomminampadu, Vemavarappadu, Korukollu, Venkatapuram, Kalidindi, Pothumarru and other villages in Kaikalur taluk have sent in mahazars to the authorities to dig the said channel and whether they have also offered to pay some contribution for digging expenses; and

(c) whether the said villages were once called 'Project villages' and intended to be irrigated under a branch of the Pedalanka channel but were afterwards denied the facilities of irrigation?

A.—A copy of the Executive Engineer's letter [a], dated 29th December 1928, is placed on the table.

Formation of a high level channel from the Kistna beginning from Mulapadu.

*1252 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the investigation as regards the formation of a high level channel from the Kistna beginning from Mulapadu or thereabouts to irrigate portions of Bezwada, Nuzvid and other taluks is;

(b) whether the report received from the Chief Engineer on the subject will be placed on the table of the House;

(c) whether the Government have come to any decision on the action to be taken on the resolution passed in the Legislative Council on 24th January 1928 to appoint a committee to investigate into the scheme; and

(d) if not, why not?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 523 at the meeting of the 11th October 1928. It is proposed to provide funds for the gauging staff in the next year's budget.

(b) The Chief Engineer's report was in the form of a note and has already been given in reply to question No. 523.

(c) & (d) As already stated, no conclusion is possible until the results of the proposed gaugings are known.

[a] Printed as Appendix 1 on page 636 infra.